

# Strange Fruit by Lewis Allen

Southern trees bear a strange fruit  
Blood on the leaves and blood at the root  
Black bodies swingin' in the Southern breeze  
Strange fruit hangin' from the poplar trees

Pastoral scene of the gallant South  
The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth  
Scent of magnolia, sweet and fresh  
Then the sudden smell of burning flesh

Here is the fruit for the crows to pluck  
For the rain to gather, for the wind to suck  
For the sun to rot, for the tree to drop  
Here is a strange and bitter crop

1. What is the poem describing?

2. What are three examples of imagery in the poem? (Try to include more than one sense)

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Explain the main metaphor in this poem.

4. Using some of the ideas in questions #1 - #3, write a response in one paragraph to the poem. Use correct spelling, punctuation, grammar and capitalization.

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